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The following observations were made in EAMENZ (in 52/A 41):

1. Former Panzer Kaserne on Macherstrasse (northwestern exit road): Occupied to capacity by tank units of 500 to 600 troops, most of them very young soldiers. Local residents stated that about 30 T34 tanks were stationed in the kaserne. Fifteen tanks were seen in a large, massive garage in the rear of the kaserne area. The tanks had 76.2-mm guns without muzzle brake. [REDACTED] the troops were said to hold night [REDACTED] the area of the former airfield.
2. Former Infanterie (178th Regt) Kaserne on Macherstrasse (next to the Panzer Kaserne): Heavily occupied by motorized rifle units of about 1,000 troops between 18 and 23 years of age. Only a few of them wore decorations. The troops were said to undergo basic training.

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A former NCO billet was being completely reconditioned and it was reported that it was to be occupied by officers whose families had returned to the Soviet Union.

3. The Soviet kommandatura was located at 11-13 Oststrasse. The kommandatura unit numbered about 80 men.

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 Comment:

The 45th Gds Tank Regt and 53rd Gds RL Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div are stationed in RUMBNZ. It is very likely that another unit of this division may also be stationed there.

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